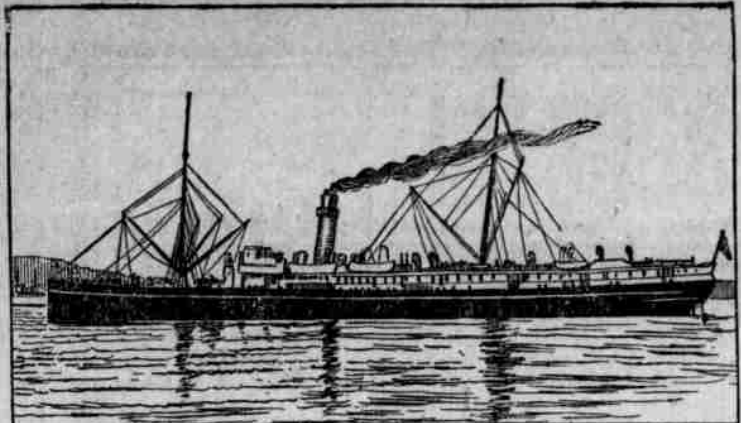


THE STEAMSHIP VICTORIA.



It will carry an exhibit of American goods prepared by the business interests of Seattle, Wash., to Asiatic ports in an effort to increase American trade with that continent. The "floating exposition" starts next spring.

WANDERINGS OF ANIMALS.

Rats Are the Most Migratory of All—Race of Lemmings with Death.

The fable of the country mouse and the town mouse has a foundation in fact. Mice occasionally migrate in large numbers when food grows scarce and travel considerable distances to fresh houses. Farmers in a part of Perthshire, says London Answers, had a good reason to become aware of this fact, when, a couple of years ago, vast swarms of mice invaded their cornfields at harvest time.

But the mouse only travels when it has to. The rat, on the contrary, seems to take a yearly outing, in very much the same fashion as do human beings. Rats are the most migratory creatures in the world. Whole troops of rats leave the towns at the end of summer and spend a month or two in the country, apparently in order to enjoy the change of food which the country affords at that time of the year in the way of fresh fruit and grain. Before the cold weather sets in they are all back in their old quarters.

Reindeer migrate with the same regularity as swallows. They move south when winter sets in, but as soon as ever the snow begins to melt they travel steadily north, sometimes for as much as a thousand miles.

To end a holiday by deliberate suicide is so strange a phenomenon that for a long time naturalists looked upon the stories of the migration of the lemmings as an improbable fiction. Yet the facts are beyond dispute. At regular intervals these rat-like creatures start out from their homes in the fastnesses of northern Scandinavia in huge droves, numbering tens of thousands, and travel steadily southward. Death pursues them in a hundred forms. Hawks and other birds of prey hover above them. Foxes, wolves and man decimate them. Thousands are drowned in rivers. Yet the rest struggle on until they reach the sea. They do not stop. They plunge in, swim out and struggle on, until at last their strength fails and they drown. "Not one ever returns from this journey of death."

A MEMORY OF M'KINLEY.

The One Perfectly Cool and Serene Man in Washington During Campaign of 1900.

During August and September preceding the political campaign which resulted in Mr. McKinley's reelection, I was in the United States, writes Andrew White, in "Chapters from My Diplomatic Life," in Century. It was the hottest summer in very many years, and certainly, within my world experience, there had been no torrid heat like that during my visits to Washington. Nearly every one seemed prostrated by it. Going to the white house to pay my respects to the president, I found him the one man in Washington perfectly cool, serene and unaffected by the burning heat or by the pressure of public affairs. Although matters in Cuba, in Porto Rico, in the Philippines, in China and in the political campaign then going on must have been constantly in his mind, he had plenty of time, seemed to take trouble about nothing, and kept me in his office for a full hour, discussing calmly the various phases of the situation as they were affected by matters in Germany.

His discussion of public affairs showed the same quiet insight and strength which I had recognized in him when we first met in 1884, as delegates at the Chicago national convention. One thing during this Washington interview struck me especially. I asked him if he was to make any addresses during the campaign. He answered: "No; several of my friends have urged me to do so, but I shall not. I intend to return to what seems to me the better policy of the earlier presidents. The American people have my administration before them; they have ample material for judging it, and with them I shall silently leave the whole matter." He said this in a perfectly simple, quiet way, which showed that he meant what he said. At the time I regretted his decision; but soon became clear that he was right.

The Rice Crop.

The total acreage of rice cultivation in the state is 600,000. Texas is credited with having raised 170,000 bags of rice last year. Giving her the full figures of last season, and taking into consideration the decrease this season in Louisiana and the light yield in both states, it would be almost impossible to figure out a crop of over 4,000,000 bags this season.—N. Y. Post.

Visionary.

Renfield—So you think he is trying to accomplish too much in literature? Merritt—Yes. He is trying to make a living at it.—Town Topics.

Frogs as "Poultry."

Our customs authorities have decided to classify edible frogs as "poultry," and make them pay duty as such when imported from abroad.

Explained.

She—What is the difference between a made-up tie and one you tie yourself? He—Oh, about half an hour.—Castell's Journal.

Plenty of Them.

If vinegar would preserve morals some men are sour enough to save the world.—Chicago Tribune.

MISTRESS AND MAID.

Are Coming to a Better Understanding and Pleasanter Relations Obtain.

The old-time semi-feudal relation of mistress and maid will never again obtain; and the women who hold on to the old ideas will but retard the days of harmony and good will, writes Ella Morris Kretschmar, in Good Housekeeping. While the employed are learning their lesson by treading the plowshares of turmoil and discontent, the women who employ should be learning their lesson—which is equally important to peaceful readjustment.

The maid in the kitchen has found out that she is no more a serf than the mistress in the drawing-room, and it behooves the mistress to recognize and adjust herself to that fact. The work done by the maid is neither menial nor to be despised, but requires professional skill, and that skill is worthy of honor as that of the carpenter, the blacksmith, the jeweler, or the chemist. When the work is respected the worker must be respected and self-respecting.

We may look for the maid of the future to be an independent, thinking being, a "professional," understanding her rights, and the rights of those who employ her. She will not be the less "desirable" for her new understanding, but on the contrary more valuable and even more tractable than the ideal maid of 30 years ago.

It is unreasonable to suppose that the maid of evolved economic conditions will receive five, six and seven dollars a week for half the service performed by the maid of 30 years ago. Wages in many households have become prohibitive and still there is a scarcity of workers. But when household work is put upon its rightful basis, there will be a grand exodus of women from the factory and shop to her rightful field. Women, by nature, have a love and aptitude for home making and all the work it involves, just as they have a love for babies and the care of them. There is no monotony more deadly than that of the factory, the shop and the business office, and women have been won to them from the home, not because of the attractions offered, but because of the contempt in which the work of the home has been held.

THE WHEEL OF CHANCE.

Odd Happenings Such as Come to Many Persons in Course of Life.

"A queer thing happened to me the other day," said a well-known lawyer, relates the Indianapolis News. "I had got out of a street car in North Illinois street and started to walk east to my house, when I noticed something bright in the grass at the edge of the sidewalk. At first I thought it was simply a bit of worthless metal, but as it appeared to be something different I picked it up. It was a lady's locket, with chain attached. It was one of the locket kind, and when I opened it I was astonished to see my wife's picture. For an instant I wondered who was carrying my wife's picture around, but when I opened the other side there was my own picture. Then I recognized the locket as one I had given my wife, and it was engraved with the date. When I reached home I held it up and she shouted for joy. She had lost it two days before, but had said nothing about it. Hundreds of persons must have passed it, and it seemed queer that I should be the finder."

"That reminds me of a strange little happening," said another member of the party. "A few days ago as I was walking up Pennsylvania street a man passed me, riding rapidly on a bicycle. When he was 20 or 30 yards ahead I saw something fall from his pocket, but he was out of hearing before I could call him. When I picked the package up I found it was wrapped in colored paper of a peculiar kind and contained ten dollars' worth of two-cent postage stamps in sheets. I left it at a near-by drug store, with an explanation. The next day I stopped there to get a cigar and the druggist said: 'Your stamps found their owner. A man came in here last evening to buy some postage stamps and said he had been unfortunate enough to lose a big bunch of them during the afternoon. I asked him how it happened and he said they fell out of his pocket as he was riding up street on his wheel. I asked him how the package was wrapped and he described it so accurately that I at once handed it over to him. You never saw a man so surprised.'"

The Returned Tourist.

Bald Beaumont—Gee, is dat you, Clarence? Where you been keepin' yourself dese days? Comatose Clarence—Me? Why, I been in one o' dem personally-conducted ten-day-includin'-all-expenses tours to de island.—Puck.

Fitted for Better Place.

One of the most remarkable prisoners in the United States is a convict in Sing Sing, who edits the prison paper, the "Star of Hope." He is there for burglary, but in his time has been lawyer, reporter, confidence man, secretary to a khedive of Egypt, preacher, forger and politician.

Catnip Farm.

Near New York city there has been started a catnip farm, which is proving a profitable investment. The product is shipped to New York animal dealers, and sold to the owners of cats.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

THE GURLER MILK PAIL.

An Invention, Free to the Public, Which Is an Aid to Keeping Milk Clean.

The Gurler milk pail, which is shown in the illustration, is a pail conceived by H. B. Gurler, of De Kalb, Ill., who has for years been making a high-class of sanitary milk for Chicago infants and invalids. It is not patented, neither do I know of anyone manufacturing it for the trade, says Dr. G. M. Twitcheil, in New York Tribune Farmer. I have had a number made by a local tinsmith, at a cost of \$2.25 complete, as shown, and of extra good material.

The cover is removed from one pail and the hooks where the gauze is attached.



THE GURLER MILK PAIL.

fached can readily be seen. The absorbent cotton is spread between two layers of gauze, and the whole is attached by catching over the hooks on the cover. The pail is emptied through the covered spout, so that it is not opened until the milking is completed. The expense for gauze and cotton is slight, and these should be used fresh every milking. At the same time it must be distinctly understood that this is not a lazy or shiftless man's pail. It is not built to relieve from any obligation resting on the dairyman, but is one of the essential steps toward clean, sweet, pure milk, to be observed along with each and every other if a high-class product is desired.

Cows must be brushed, udders kept clean, te-uips made healthy and good, sound food provided, and if anyone is neglected the pail can surely have no place, for it accompanies those steps of thoroughness which give Mr. Gurler and a few others national reputations and success in the production of sanitary milk. By all means get the pail and milk through absorbent cotton, but let this be only the measure of neatness manifest at every step. When we reach this standard of dairy work the poor cream will be eliminated, barn odors will disappear, filth will not be found in the separators, and a better demand and higher prices will be realized by the individual producers. In the cry now going up for pure food products the first step is to guard the milk supply, if for no other reason than that it plays such an important part in saving the lives of the little ones.

MATURITY OF THE APPLE.

A Distinction Which Some Horticulturists Are Making in the Condition of the Fruit.

Some of our horticulturists are making a difference between the mature apple and the ripe apple, though the general public recognizes no such distinction. We will let our horticultural friends have their way, however. The apple is mature when it has attained its full growth. It is not ripe till it has become mellow with the operations of sunlight, heat and time. The mature apple is in the best shape for picking. If it be left on the tree till it is fully ripe it will be a short keeper, while if it is picked at the time of maturity it will keep for a long time even under usual farm conditions. As different varieties of apples mature at different times it will be easily seen that the mixed orchard is a hard one to keep track of. The old way of harvesting was to begin to pick the apples on a certain date and then take all as they came, the long keepers and the short keepers, the mature apples and the immature apples.

The mature apple is a thing we have to get acquainted with if we are to know when it is mature. If it is a Ben Davis, it is mature very late, so late indeed that in the vicinity of Wisconsin it generally has to be picked before it is mature. This is the reason the Ben Davis has lost its reputation with many people. Having been picked before it was mature it could not follow out the usual processes of ripening, and was always a hard, poor flavored apple. In regions where it has had time to mature before picked it develops into a fruit of good flavor and texture, ripening naturally. It takes a study of fruits to know when each one matures, and this is a subject that has up to the present time received little attention. Men have grown apples of certain varieties for a long time and have never given the question any consideration. The maturity of the apple is at last coming in for its share of discussion, and the light is beginning to shine in a dark place.—Farmers' Review.

Unique Hanging Basket.

Nothing, in its line, can exceed in beauty or attractiveness a sponge basket, wet it thoroughly with warm soft water, then press it gently to expel the greater part of the water. Into the damp openings of the sponge push seeds of millet, barley, grass, oats, rice and clover. It is now ready to be hung up in a sunny window; and if this is kept moist for a week, tiny shoots will begin to appear ere long. A beautiful green foliage will cover this basket on all sides and fall down in a most fascinating manner. If carefully sprinkled the clover will bloom, and although it may not be a "Jas. forever," it will certainly be a "thing of beauty."—Woman's Magazine.

Plum Trees.

In setting plum trees, healthy yearlings should be selected. They should not be set too close together. Some set them 15 feet apart each way. They should be pruned to a straight stem when set; the stem being cut back two or three feet from the top.

Be Fritters in a Dickena.

Cut butter after boiling into slices an eighth of an inch thick; mince a few mushrooms, with one-third their bulk in onions; press between two slices of beef and dip in a batter made by beating the yolk of an egg, adding a tablespoonful of oil or melted butter, four of flour, and lastly the whipped white, with salt and pepper to taste; fry these fritters by immersion in very hot fat—Good Housekeeping.

Ten Made with Milk.

It is said that many patients who cannot drink tea made in the ordinary way, find that it agrees with them when brewed with milk instead of water. Scald out the teapot so that it will be hot when the tea is added; put in the tea leaves, a scant teaspoonful or less, and cover with a little hot milk just brought to the boiling point, but no more; let it stand for two or three minutes, then add more of the hot milk and use at once.—Good Literature.

Brussels Sprouts.

Wash and trim a pound of fresh sprouts of a uniform size as possible; plunge in boiling water when three-fourths cooked, drain; plunge in cold water and drain again; add an equal quantity of chestnuts, also three-quarters cooked; moisten with half cream and half milk, season with salt and nutmeg and finish the cooking—Good Housekeeping.

World Is Good Enough.

If some people had their way the earth and all it contains would have to be made over to suit their ideas. The better way is to make the best of things as they are and not fret about things we are powerless to change. This old world is good enough the way it is for most of us.—Oakville (Wash.) Cruiser.

"Fog Headache."

It is calculated that when an ordinary dense fog hangs over London it contains the smoke of many thousands of tons of coal. Hence the "fog headache," which is one of the delights of winter residence in the British metropolis. Strong tea or coffee is a palliative.

U. S. to Have Japanese Soldiers.

The United States army of the future will include a command of Japanese soldiers. They will not come from the armies which are fighting in the far east, but will be enrolled from Japanese citizens in the Sandwich Islands.—Lahore Tribune.

Cost of Golf.

It is calculated that in England, Ireland, Scotland and the United States \$50,000,000 a year is spent in golf. There are 879 golf clubs in England, 760 in America, 632 in Scotland and 134 in Ireland, numbering altogether 600,000 players.

Found by Americans.

All the five planetary satellites discovered since 1846 have been found by Americans. They include Hyperion, the seventh satellite of Saturn; Diomos and Phoebe, the little moons of Mars, and Phoebe, the ninth moon of Saturn.

American Pearls Abroad.

The scarcity of pearls in American markets is due largely to the fact that the women of India and Arabia have lately taken to wearing them, and the fishers can get as good prices at home as by exporting them.

Something Immense.

The Imperial post in Germany requires for its service 12,551 railway trains daily. In a year these trains traverse 294,000,000 kilometers, or about the distance between the earth and the sun.

Artificial Waves.

At Munich a large swimming bath has been fitted with a motor, connected with a contrivance which creates 18 perfectly natural looking "sea waves" a minute.

Sublime to Ridiculous.

Occasionally a woman marries her ideal man, but it is only a matter of time until her air castle is transformed into a flat.—Chicago Daily News.

What's Man to Do?

The average woman thinks it's just horrid if her husband is jealous of her, and just horrid if he isn't, so there you are.—N. Y. Times.

The Shah's Defenders.

A traveler recently from Persia says the shah's soldiers mount guard with broken battle legs, the only weapons they have.

Have the Punch.

Champion prize fighters are naturally stunning men.—Chicago Daily News.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 24.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	4.40 @ 4.50
CATTLE—Foreign Steers	4.40 @ 4.50
CATTLE—Winter Patents	5.50 @ 5.85
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1.19 @ 1.24
CORN—No. 2	50 @ 52
OATS—No. 2	37 @ 38
PORK—Mess (new)	13.00 @ 12.50
LARD—Western Steam	6.50 @ 7.00
ST. LOUIS.	
COTTON—Midling	4.50 @ 4.50
CATTLE—Native Steers	3.90 @ 4.20
CATTLE—Foreign Steers	3.90 @ 4.20
CATTLE—Winter Patents	5.50 @ 5.85
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1.19 @ 1.24
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PORK—Mess (new)	13.00 @ 12.50
LARD—Western Steam	6.50 @ 7.00
KANSAS CITY.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	3.50 @ 3.75
CATTLE—Foreign Steers	3.50 @ 3.75
CATTLE—Winter Patents	5.50 @ 5.85
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	1.19 @ 1.24
CORN—No. 2	50 @ 52
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Nothing But the Truth.

"My work," remarked the bald-headed dentist, "is so painless that my patients often fall asleep in the chair while I am at work."

A Wonder.

Stranger—You advertise suburban lots "a stone's throw from the station." Agent—Yes, sir. Have you seen the lots? "I have. I am the manager of Darnem & Gillie's side show, and I want to see the man who threw that stone. He can have any salary he wants."—Cleveland Leader.

HIS EXPERIENCE TEACHES THEM.

That Dodd's Kidney Pills Will Cure Bright's Disease—Remarkable Case of George J. Barber—Quick Recovery After Years of Suffering.

Etherville, Iowa, Jan. 23d.—(Special)—The experience of Mr. George J. Barber, a well known citizen of this place, justifies his friends in making the announcement to the world "Bright's Disease can be cured." Mr. Barber had kidney trouble, and it developed into Bright's Disease. He treated it with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and to-day he is a well man. In an interview he says:

"I can't say too much for Dodd's Kidney Pills. I had kidney disease for fifteen years and though I doctored for it with the best doctors here and in Chicago, it developed into Bright's Disease. Then I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and two boxes cured me completely. I think Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best in the world."

A remedy that will cure Bright's Disease will cure any other form of kidney disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills never fail to cure Bright's Disease.

Says a Georgia philosopher: "It's a pity we are all more successful at digging bait than we are at catching fish."—Atlanta Constitution.

10,000 Plants for 16c.

This is a remarkable offer by the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes

Salzer Seeds have a national reputation as the earliest, finest, choicest and the earth's produce. They will send you their big plant and seed catalog, together with enough seed to grow

1,000 fine Cabbages,
2,000 fine Turnips,
2,000 fine Celery,
2,000 fine Lettuce,
1,000 fine Onions,
1,000 fine Luscious Radishes,
1,000 fine brilliant Flowers.

This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their wonderful seeds—when you once plant them you will grow no others, and

ALL FOR BUT 16c POSTAGE, providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 26c in postage, they will add to the above a big package of the earliest Sweet Corn on earth—Salzer's Fourth of July—fully 10 days earlier than there, Peep of Day, etc. [K. L.]

With an abundant cabbage crop confronting us, it looks as if we were still a long way from abating the smoke nuisance.—Indianapolis News.

SORE HANDS, SORE FEET.

Itching, Burning Pains and Painful Finger Ends—Complete Cure by Cuticura.

One Night Treatment: Soak the hands or feet on retiring, in a strong hot, creamy Cuticura Soap. Dry, and anoint freely with Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure and preservative of emollients. Wear, during the night, old, loose kid gloves, or bandage lightly in old, soft cotton or linen. For rough, red and chapped hands, dry, fissured, itching, feverish palms, with brittle, shapeless nails and painful finger ends, this treatment is simply wonderful, a single treatment affording the most grateful relief, and pointing to a speedy, permanent and economical cure. In no other ailment have Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment been more effective.

The Philanthropist generally magnifies that one shall catch him in the act.

—N. Y. Times.

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, sweating feet. Makes new shoes easy. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe Stores. Don't accept any substitute. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Cold cash, what a warm-hearted companion thou art!—N. O. Picayune.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption.

Has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

The scandalmonger is always sure of an audience.—N. Y. Times.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

You cannot convince without conviction.

CONSTANT ACHING.

Back aches all the time. Spoils your appetite, weakens the body, worries the mind. Kidneys cause it all and Doan's Kidney Pills relieve and cure it.

H. B. McCarver,

of 201 Cherry St., Portland, Ore., Inspector of freight for the Trans-Continental Co., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills for back ache and other symptoms of kidney trouble which had annoyed me for months. I think a cold was responsible for the whole trouble. It seemed to settle in my kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills rooted it out. It is several months since I used them, and up to date there has been no recurrence of the trouble."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all druggists.

Price 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Women in Our Hospitals

Appalling Increase in the Number of Operations Performed Each Year—How Women May Avoid Them.



Going through the hospitals in our large cities one is surprised to find such a large proportion of the patients lying on those snow-white beds women and girls, who are either awaiting or recovering from serious operations.

Why should this be the case? Simply because they have neglected themselves. Ovarian and womb troubles are certainly on the increase among the women of this country—they creep upon them unawares, but every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, leucorrhoea, dizziness, flatulency, displacement of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation.

When these symptoms manifest themselves, do not drag along until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an operation—but remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved thousands of women from surgical operations.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulency), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostrations, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, etc., they should use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Miss Ruby Mushrush, of East Chicago, Ind., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "I have been a great sufferer with irregular menstruation and ovarian trouble, and about three months ago the doctor, after using the X-Ray on me, said I had an abscess on the ovaries and would have to have an operation. My mother wanted me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a last resort, and I not only saved me from an operation but made me entirely well."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. Her advice and medicine have restored thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.